Cultural Resources Risk Management: 7-10-15 - L Brewer

Risk of discovering Cultural Resources when implementing a conservation project:

Highest Risk - Do nothing about Cultural Resources

High Risk - High profile projects (location, costs, controversial, etc.)

Reduced Risk - Have Archeologist do a Site survey*

Activities to help reduce the risk of inadvertently finding and/or harming Cultural Resources:

Have a UDP (Unanticipated Discovery Plan)

Have landowner sign for understanding the UDP

When planning a project, ask landowners about Cultural Resources in the area.

Obtain Cultural Resource training for staff

Build good relationship with local tribe(s)

Have a Cultural Resource monitor on site during construction

Notes:

A Cultural Resource saying is: The 1^{st} hit (of an artifact) is free, whereas the 2^{nd} hit may cost you! (Time, money, and aggravation)

The DAHP secure side of WISAARD map is a tool to help determine the potential of finding Cultural Resources in the project area, but they should not be used as an assurance that there are no Cultural Resources in the area. See http://www.dahp.wa.gov/the-secure-side-of-wisaard for more information.

The *public WISAARD Map* maintained by DAHP primarily locates historic sites and can be found at: http://www.dahp.wa.gov/learn-and-research/find-a-historic-place

^{*}A Cultural Resource Site Survey is not a guarantee of not finding cultural resources in the project area, but it might help reduce the potential of finding one.